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SUBJECT: AFL-CIO MEMBERSHIP IN OECD TRADE UNION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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1. IN RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH SVEND BACHE VOGNGJERG,
CHAIRMAN OF THE OECD'S TRADE UNION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(TUAC) AND WITH JOHN SVENNINGSSEN, LO INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
SECRETARY, LABATT ENQUIRED ABOUT EHR UMORS THAT THE
AFL-CIO WAS CONTEMPLATING RE-ESTABLISHING ITS MEMBERSHIP
IN TUAC. SVENNINGSSEN FELT THAT SUCH MOAVE WOULD BE WEL
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RECEIVED IN EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CIRCLES AND WOULD

BE "CONSIDERED SERIOUSLY" AS A SIGNAL OF AFL-CIO
OPENNESS TO SOME FORM OF COMMUNICATIONS WITH EUROPEAN
LABOR.

2. BOGNERBERG CONFIRMED THAT THE AFL-CIO RETURN HAS
BEEN UNDER DISCUSSION AND SAID HE HOPES TO TALK FURTHER
ABOUT IT DURING THE PERIOD HE IS IN NEW YORK AT THE
UNGA(SEE REFTL) (HE LEFT IMPRESSION HOWEVER
THAT THE INITIATIVE WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM AFL-CIO,
IE HE WOULD NOT VISIT WASHINGTON WITHOUT
AN INVITATION)

3. VOGNERBERG UNDERLINED A POINT OF SOME INTEREST IN
THIS REGARD- THAT THE PRESENT MOMENT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY
APPROPRIATE ONE FOR AN AFL-CIO RETURN IN VIEW OF
THE OECD'S NEW ROLE IN THE ENERGY FIELD. HE SAID THAT
TUAC WILL UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE IMPACT ON THE ATTITUDES OF
THE EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CENTERS TO THE ENERGY POLICY
FORMULATED BY THE SIXTEEN-NATION GROUP. IN VIEW OF THE
PROMINENT PART PLAYED BY THE US GOVERNMENT IN THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ENERGY GROUP, HE THOUGHT IT WOULD
BE STRANGE IF AMERICAN LABOR WERE NOT PRESENT IN TUAC.
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